

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CAMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY

- 1923 Library opens on April 4 with 150 State Library books in space donated by Arthur Thayer's Camas Pharmacy.
- 1923 Library moves to former council chambers in the Fuller building between third and Fourth on Cedar.
- 1929 City adopts library as a municipal function.
- 1932 Eva Santee, first librarian with a masters degree, is hired for \$75 per month.
- 1939 Camas votes bond to build new city hall/library complex. Opens in 1940.
- 1952 Children's room moves to mezzanine (The Second Story Gallery).
- 1953 Library Director Annasue Hughes reports television has had some effect on library use, but the "television honeymoon" should only last a year and a half, when the novelty wears off.
- 1965 Library severs contract with Fort Vancouver Regional Library. Camas no longer to provide free service to non-Camas residents.
- 1967 New city hall constructed; library retains old building.
- 1975 Expansion and modernization of the Georgian-style building completed. Expansion to be "sufficient for the next 15 to 20 years."
- 1992 On-line card catalog installed and circulation is automated. System also provides access to collections of Fort Vancouver Regional and Clark College Libraries.
- 1994 Board of Trustees and City Council resolve that Camas Public Library remain an independent public library.
- 1998 Library celebrates 75 years of library service in Camas. Library begins planning for expansion.